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ERRORS IN REPORTING STOCKS OF NATERIALS AT BULGARIAN KNTERPRISES

The following is a report of the Bulgarian State Control Commission signed by its president, D. Dichev, criticizing enterprises and functionaries for errors in reporting stocks of materials on hand.

In October 1951, the State Control Commission conducted an inspection to see how the registering of materials in stock was being carried out. It determined that many important materials such as steel, iron, copper wire, glass, etc., had not been registered. At the "Vautsarov" Plant 23,541 kilograms of steel and from, including 19,591 kilograms of unused stocks, 800 meters of insulated wire, 810 kilograms of burned [welded?] from wire, 87 cubic meters of processed lumber, and other materials had not been registered. In just one of the warehouses of the Construction Combine at Dimitrovgred 7,912 square meters of reinforced sheet glass, 28,226 kilograms of nails, and other materials had not been registered. Similar weaknesses had also been permitted to occur by the Construction Combine at Sofia, where in one warehouse alone 1,749 square meters of reinforced plate glass, 1,256 kolograms of corrugated sheet steel, and other things had not been registered.

Large quantities of unregistered materials were also discovered in the enterprises of the Sofia Municipal People's Soviet. In one warehouse alone of the "Sofia Gradski Transport" (Sofia Municipal Transport) Enterprise 4,877 kilograms of steel, 467 kilograms of steel, 467 kilograms of steel, 467 kilograms of copper, brass, and bronze pipes, and other valuable materials had not been registered. At the Tekanicheski Rabotilnitsi i Tovaren Prevoz" (Technical Workshops and Freight Transport) Economic Enterprise the following stock had not been registered: 1,602 kilograms of steel, 1,390 kilograms of iron, 3,311 kilograms of sheet iron, etc.

The enterprises attached to the "Energokhidrostroy" State Construction and Assembly Combine also had not registered large quantities of their materials in stock. For example, inspection of ten different kinds of materials at the warehouse of the "Elektricheski Stroesh" (Electric Construction) Enterprise showed

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that 5,131 kilograms of copper cable, 719 kilograms of band copper, and other stock had not been registered. At the "Colastni Elektricheski Stroezhi (Oblast Elektric Constructions) Enterprise, 1,125 kolograms of noninsulated copper wire and other materials had not been registered.

At the "Mooperator" Vacuum Canning Combine the following stock had not been registered: 19,517 kilograms of ground red papper, 911 kilograms of seed oil, 147 kilograms of brass, 3,722 kilograms of scrap iron, etc.

Serious violations had been permitted in registering stock because of incorrect and inexact measurements of the stocks. The registering of stock had not been performed by weighing, measuring or counting, but by the use of accounting figures or rough estimates.

Many of the materials of the Construction Combine at Sofia which were inspected had been registered only at sight, and therefore many crude mistakes were discovered there: reinforcing steel for concrete had been registered as 34,850 kilograms, while the inspection showed that it was 33,321 kilograms; instead of 507 kilograms of white cement the inventory entry was 377 kilograms, etc. At the "Vaptserov" Plant round iron with the dimensions 50x36 was marked at 99 kilograms instead on the correct amount of 227 kilograms; steel with a diameter of 125 millimeters was entered as 212 kilograms instead of 742 kilograms, etc.

At one warehouse of the "Sofia Gradski Transport" Economic Enterprise the inspection of 32 kinds of materials showed also that, because of failure to weigh and measure, only two kinds of materials had been registered correctly.

The administrative state and economic organizations have also permitted serious defects in the summation of the data on registered stock. For example, in the general report on the results of stock registering at the village general cooperatives of the Sofia Rayon Cooperative Union the following nonpermissible and crude mistakes were uncovered: A surplus of 1,020 more meters of cotton cloth, 366 more meters of woolen cloth, 9 dozen more pieces of cotton knitted goods, and 110 more pairs of galoshes and snow boots were registered than were actually there, while 23,168 kilograms of pulp had not been entered into the report at all.

Of the data checked for 25 kinds of materials in the general reports of the construction combines and the okrug road administrations of the Ministry of Construction and Roads, the data on only one kind of material was correct.

The registration of stock on 1 October 1951 was intended to show exactly and numisiakably the existing stocks of goods and materials in the country and also to show what goods and materials had been kept on hand for a long time and had gone numsed. It must be stressed that part of these goods and materials are imported from abroad and that foreign currency is spent on them.

Proper execution of the registration of goods and materials is the first condition for drawing up the production plan correctly and making plans for imports and exports.

A fundamental reason for the unsatisfactory registration of stock in certain enterprises and combines is the insdequate organization of their work by the registration commissions, which did not attach sufficient importance to the registration of stock, did not set up daily supervision, and did not extend help on the spot in taking inventory in the warehouses.

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The checking by the commission showed that in many places the responsible officials of combines, general offices, directorates, etc., did not make sure that the registration followed requirements, restricted themselves to general direction of the commissions at enterprises, and did not analyze the work performed. For these reasons the stock registrations at some warehouses do not give a true picture of the actual stocks of goods and materials.

On the basis of the data obtained by inspection, the State Control Commission issued 54 resolutions and letters with obligatory instructions, requiring managers of entroprises and offices to eliminate the violations, unicious, and weakenesses uncovered in the registration of stock. Hanagers of the entroprises in which the stock registers were used incorrectly, without measuring the materials, were obliged to conduct a new registration of stock, to determine the case figures, and to make correct stock registers. The management organizations were given obligatory instructions to arms up new checked and exact reports which would represent the actual quantities of goods and materials.

The State Control Commission has imposed appropriate punishments on the guilty persons who treated the registration of stock as a matter of form.

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